

From: [Huetteman, Tom](#)
To: [Armann, Steve](#)
Subject: FW: PCBs - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 4:17:21 PM
Attachments: [Lincoln MS-SMMUSD Letter 8.17.2016.pdf](#)

They will be copying you.

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From: Priselac, Adrienne
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 4:12 PM
To: Huetteman, Tom
Subject: FW: PCBs - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

From: Canteenwala, Eric
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 4:08 PM
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Subject: FW: PCBs - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

From: Gillette, Maria@DTSC [<mailto:Maria.Gillette@dtsc.ca.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Canteenwala, Eric <Canteenwala.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PCBs - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Hello Eric,

Please feel free to forward any DTSC related information I provide to you.

Please also see the attached letter from SMMUSD to Ms. Sherry Martini who is a parent of students attending Lincoln Middle School. Note the second paragraph where SMMUSD acknowledges that the "final report" had not been written. SMMUSD is referring to the Removal Action Completion Report, which documents that confirmation soil samples were collected after the removal action had been conducted were analyzed at a state certified lab. SMMUSD reports that they will be collecting soil sample within 90 days to complete the final remediation report.

Eric, the soil removal action at Lincoln MS was conducted in 2010. My concern is that SMMUSD may never have collected confirmation soil samples in 2010.

From: Canteenwala, Eric [<mailto:Canteenwala.Eric@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 2:17 PM
To: Gillette, Maria@DTSC
Subject: RE: PCBs - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Hello Maria,

Thank you for keeping me in the loop. May I forward this information to Steve Arman or Tom Huetteman? They are 1st and 2nd line managers in our PCB program.

-Eric

From: Gillette, Maria@DTSC [<mailto:Maria.Gillette@dtsc.ca.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 4:32 PM
To: Canteenwala, Eric <Canteenwala.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PCBs - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Hello Eric,

It's been way too long since we last spoke – I hope you are well. I want to keep you informed of some

recently discovered PCB issues at schools within the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD). Perhaps if you have time we can schedule a quick phone call this week.

Thanks! Take care,

Maria

From: Gillette, Maria@DTSC

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 11:15 AM

To: Malinowski, Mark@DTSC

Subject: PCBs - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Hello Mark,

New information recently surfaced that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) conducted removal actions in 2010 to address PCB contaminated soil at the John Adams Middle School and Lincoln Middle School. SMMUSD also conducted a RAW at Malibu High School in 2010 to address PCB contaminated soil. All three projects were conducted during modernization work financed by school bond measure funding, so DTSC's regulatory oversight was not required. I located information about these projects through their CEQA documentation Mitigation Measures, but have been unable to locate the referenced PEAs, RAWs and RACRs.

In 2015, SMMUSD collected samples of caulk and building materials inside Olympic High School and Santa Monica High School and analyzed the samples for PCBs. Please see the attached SMMUSD fact sheet reporting limited detections of PCBs in building materials above 50 mg/kg at Olympic HS.

SMMUSD indicates the PCB contaminated building material was properly removed and disposed of off-site as PCB Bulk Product Waste in accordance with TSCA. There is no indication in the reports that soil sampling was conducted in the areas where PCBs were detected in the building.

People whose children attend Roosevelt and Franklin Elementary Schools informed me that SMMUSD is conducting (or may have already conducted) facility improvement projects at both campuses. The improvements at these schools includes modernization of windows, doors and flooring (please see the 2nd attachment). Mark, I have not located any CEQA documents for these projects, and have no information that indicates SMMUSD sampled or analyzed for PCBs in building materials prior to conducting modernization work.

All of these schools were constructed in the 1950s or earlier, so it is likely they contain PCB contaminated building materials.

SMMUSD has removed information relating to the PEAs, RAWs and RACRs for these projects from their website, and I have been told by some of the parents that SMMUSD refuses to provide copies of the documents to them.

Please let me know if you have time for a brief phone call this week to discuss what options DTSC has to address potential public health & safety impacts these projects may cause to students and school faculty.

Thank you,

Maria

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